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9 (B) SAFEGUARDS IMPLEMENTATION REPORT (SIR)

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1. SUMMARY. PART ONE OF SIR FOR 1977 (GOV/1897) WAS
RATHER EXTENSIVELY AND CRITICALLY DISCUSSED BY BOARD.
MANY MEMBERS SPECIFICALLY REPEATED SIR CONCLUSION THAT
"ALL SAFEGUARDED NUCLEAR MATERIAL REMAINED IN THE
DECLARED PEACEFUL NUCLEAR ACTIVITY OR WAS OTHERWISE
ADEQUATELY ACCOUNTED FOR" AND EXPRESSED GREAT SATIS-
FACTION AT THIS OUTCOME. SEVERAL MEMBERS COMPLAINED
ABOUT LATE RELEASE OF PART ONE AND LACK OF SUFFICIENT
TIME TO STUDY IT BEFORE BOARD MEETING. DIR GEN SAID
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PART TWO WOULD BE AVAILABLE BEFORE SEPTEMBER BOARD
MEETING AT WHICH TIME FULL SIR COULD BE DISCUSSED. END
SUMMARY.

2. FRG DEL ASKED SEVERAL CRITICAL QUESTIONS WITH
APPARENT BASIC IMPLICATION THAT SECRETARIAT IS GOING
TOO FAR TOO FAST IN IMPLEMENTING RIGOROUS SAFEGUARDS

PRACTICES; E.G., HE (A) QUESTIONED VALIDITY OF FIRST PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 1.2.2, WHICH SEEMED TO ADD NEW SAFEGUARDS OBJECTIVES, (B) COMPLAINED THAT TOP PARAGRAPH PAGE 3 SUGGESTS THE SECRETARIAT IS MODIFYING INFCIRC/153 PRINCIPLES ON BASIS OF ITS EXPERIENCE IN APPLYING SAFEGUARDS, AND (C) NOTED THAT, DESPITE SECTION 2.1 DEALING WITH SUBJECT OF PROBLEMS WITH STATE SYSTEMS OF ACCOUNTANCY AND CONTROL (SSAC), IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED THAT NO CRITERIA ON SSAC'S HAVE YET BEEN AGREED INTERNATIONALLY.

3. UK DEL MADE CONSTRUCTIVE STATEMENT INCLUDING DESIRABILITY FOR IAEA, SSAC'S AND PLANT OPERATORS TO ALL WORK TOWARD MORE QUANTIFIED SUPPORT FOR CONCLUSIONS. HE ALSO REQUESTED ESTIMATE OF TIME NEEDED TO OVERCOME THE PROBLEMS BEING ENCOUNTERED.

4. USSR DEL, INTER ALIA, SUGGESTED THAT SINCE IAEA'S THRESHHOLD AND STRATEGIC QUANTITY FIGURES WERE BASED ON INFORMATION IN A 10 YEAR OLD UN DOCUMENT, THOSE FIGURES SHOULD BE REVIEWED AND TIGHTENED UP IN LIGHT OF MORE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS.

5. CANADIAN DEL FELT SSIR FOR 1976 WAS MORE CLEAR AND INFORMATIVE THAN SIR FOR 1977. HE ALSO QUESTIONED APPARENT DIFFERENCE IN TREATMENT OF LWR AND CANDU LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REACTORS.

6. PANAMANIAN DEL URGED SECRETARIAT TO GIVE CONCLUSIONS OF SIR FULL PUBLICITY SO AS TO GIVE SUPPORT TO THOSE PROMOTING USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY.

7. ARGENTINE DEL WAS CRITICAL OF SIR, WITH MAIN EMPHASIS ON FACT THAT SIR GIVES INFORMATION ABOUT SOME UNSAFEGUARDED NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES IN SOME COUNTRIES. HE FELT SUCH INFORMATION WAS IRRELEVANT TO SAFEGUARDS AND COULD LEAD TO IDENTIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY INVOLVED AND IT SHOULD THUS BE DELETED FROM THE SIR. HE ALSO COMPLAINED ABOUT IMPLICATION IN SIR THAT SAFEGUARDS CRITERIA BEING USED IN MOST CASES WERE THOSE DERIVED FROM INFCIRC/153, WHICH COULD NOT BE LEGALLY APPLIED IN CASE OF INFCIRC/66 TYPE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS.

8. U.S. STATEMENT WAS GIVEN CONSISTENT WITH REFTTEL AND EMPHASIZING NEED FOR CONCLUSIONS TO BE FULLY SUPPORTED. COPY OF U.S. STATEMENT BEING POUCHED TO OES/NET.

9. AUSTRALIAN DEL URGED MORE QUANTITATIVE APPROACH AND

SUFFICIENT DETAIL IN SIR SO THAT CONCLUSIONS CAN BE
UNAMBIGUOUS.

10. IN RESPONDING TO SOME QUESTIONS RAISED DURING
DISCUSSION, DDG ROMETSCH SAID THAT, AS WAS CASE FOR
SSIR, A DOCUMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO GOVERNORS GIVING
FURTHER TABULAR INFORMATION ABOUT 1977 SAFEGUARDS
OPERATIONS. KIRK

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